

Hello,

I respectfully urge the FCC to reject NAB 04-160 petition. I don't see how satellite radio is any different from someone that pays for cable TV or satellite TV, both of which provide coverage from local stations. Even if there is a difference that I might not be aware of, preventing XM or Sirius from striking a deal with local agencies that can provide me, the consumer, with a choice as to what type of programming I would like to listen to is not advocating competition. The market should decide based on content, what we would like to listen to. As it is, I don't listen to local radio for news content/traffic reports as it is. Before I leave for/to work every day, I check traffic reports using the Internet, for example. Having local news/info, etc. being broadcasted via satellite is just another means of getting the consumer the information they need, and if the market is willing to pay, why not.

Thanks for your time.

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